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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1724  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Tadanori SUGIMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/918,498

Group Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No.: 3223

Examiner: Ivars C. Cintins

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For: ION CHROMATOGRAPHY SYSTEM FOR EXCHANGING AN ION EXCHANGER IN  
A SUPPRESSOR AND A SUPPRESSOR MEANS

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.